

Dont Be Surprised If Your Opinion Doesn't Have Much Weight With Your Friends. They Think as Much of it as You do of Theirs

GERMANS RETAKE THIAUMONT REDOUBT

Storm Fortified Position After All Night Bombardment

BRITISH PUSH INTO GUILLEMONT

Allies Repulse Attacks on New Positions Established North East of Pozieres.

Paris, Aug. 8.—German troops have recaptured the Thioumont work, according to the official announcement of the war office this afternoon. Following an all night bombardment the Germans made several attacks on the fortified position and finally succeeded in carrying the works. The Germans made five attacks on the line between Fleury and Thioumont, in all of which they sustained heavy losses.

London, Aug. 8.—British troops have effected an entrance into the village of Guillemont. It was reported today by Commander-in-Chief Haig. Fighting is still in progress on the outskirts of the village.

To the east the British pushed forward to the Trionnes where they made a joint attack with the French coming from the direction of Hardecourt.

London, Aug. 7.—Five heavy attacks by the Germans today failed to dislodge the British from their new positions north and northeast of Pozieres.

The first two assaults, delivered about daybreak this morning, succeeded in penetrating the British trenches in one or two places, but the attackers were quickly driven out, losing many in casualties and leaving some prisoners. Later in the morning General von Below's troops again attempted to wrest the positions from the British, but they were equally unsuccessful. Then about 4 this afternoon the Germans made their last and most ineffectual attempt to recover the lost ground.

The new British line in this region has been pushed almost to the outskirts of Martinpuich. Further to the West the Australians, by their impetuous dash Saturday night, captured Hill 160, the highest summit in the entire district, whence the terrain slopes gently toward Bapaume.

While the British were thus heavily engaged on their section of the front the French troops carried a line of German trenches between Hem Wood and the Somme, east of Monacu farm, capturing 120 prisoners and some machine guns. The French plan appears to be to advance their lines along the river so that they can attack the village of Clerf from two sides. This village has been heavily fortified by the Germans and is strongly held by them.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League.
Chicago 7, Boston 7.
New York 3, Cleveland 2.
Detroit 4, Philadelphia 2.
St. Louis 3, Washington 2 (10 innings).

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Chicago	61	44	.581
Boston	58	44	.569
Cleveland	57	45	.569
New York	55	47	.539
Detroit	56	50	.528
St. Louis	53	51	.510
Washington	51	50	.505
Philadelphia	19	79	.194

National League

Boston 2, Cincinnati 0 (first game).
Boston 6, Cincinnati 0 (second game).
New York 3, Chicago 2.
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 3.
Pittsburg-Brooklyn, rain.

Standing of the Clubs

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Brooklyn	35	25	.583
Boston	55	38	.591
Philadelphia	54	40	.574
New York	49	45	.521
Chicago	46	54	.460
St. Louis	45	58	.437
Pittsburg	41	53	.436
Cincinnati	39	65	.376

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, COMMISSIONER, to receive, examine and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Conrad Schwartz late of Bennington, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in or out thereof, here by give notice that we will meet for that purpose at the office of D. A. Guilman in the Village of Bennington, on the 1st day of August, 1916, and on the 15th day of August, 1916, and on the 1st day of September, 1916, at 10 o'clock, P. M., on each of said days, and that six months from the 1st day of August, A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, this 8th day of Aug. A. D. 1916.
J. O. BURT,
MORRIS B. WHISTLER,
Commissioners.

EX-CONGRESSMAN HASKINS DEAD AT BRATTLEBORO

Former Representative from Second District Died Monday

HAD LONG PUBLIC CAREER

Member of Three Legislatures, Speaker, State Senator—Prominent in Masonic and G. A. R. Circles.

Brattleboro, Aug. 8.—Col. Kittredge Haskins, 80, who had been prominent in the political, Masonic and Grand Army activities of Brattleboro and the state of Vermont for over half a century for eight years, from 1900 to 1908, was a member of Congress from the 2d congressional district of Vermont, died at 6.40 yesterday morning at his home on Terrace street, after an illness of several weeks following a chill which he contracted in Montpelier while attending the diocesan convention of the Episcopal church.

He was born in Dover, N. H., April 8, 1836, a son of Asaph and Amelia (Ward) Hopkins, and attended the public schools of his native town. After a course of tutoring he entered the law office of Shafter & Davenport of Wilmington, as a law student. He was admitted to the bar of Windham county in April, 1858, and at once formed a partnership with Charles N. Davenport at Wilmington.

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After his discharge he moved to Brattleboro and was appointed a civil employe in the office of the assistant quartermaster of volunteers, doing duty in several Vermont towns. He was appointed and commissioned captain of Co. H, 12th Vermont regiment, and in 1869 was appointed adjutant-camp, with rank of colonel, on the staff of Gov. Peter T. Washburn.

Col. Haskins started in life as a democrat, but at the breaking out of the civil war he became a staunch supporter of Abraham Lincoln, and had since been a prominent and ardent republican. He had been justice of the peace since 1861, except when disqualified by other positions, and represented Brattleboro in the Legislature in 1872-73, 1896-7 and 1898-9, and was elected speaker of the special session in May, 1898, and at the regular session that fall. He was senator from Windham county in 1892-3, and was state attorney for Windham county in 1871-2. He was United States attorney for the district of Vermont from 1880 to 1887.

In 1900 he was elected to Congress, and while there secured many important benefits for his district and state. He was chairman of the war claims committee and served on many other important committees.

In December, 1910, he was appointed judge of the Brattleboro municipal court, and in the following February was appointed postmaster of Brattleboro to succeed the late Col. H. E. Taylor, being recommended by his successor in Congress, Frank L. Plumley. He held the office until the recent appointment of M. J. Moran in the spring of 1915.

Col. Haskins joined Social lodge of Masons of Wilmington in 1857 and before leaving that town was master of the lodge. He always took a deep interest in the Masonry of Vermont in all its phases.

He was prominent in Grand Army circles and a member of Protective League. He was a prominent member of St. Michael's Episcopal church, and was vestryman for many years and recently senior warden. He was elected a lay deputy by the diocesan convention to the general convention which met in Chicago in 1886, in New York in 1889 and in Baltimore in 1892.

He married July 1, 1860, Miss Esther Maria Childs of Wilmington, who died January 15, 1912. One daughter born to them died when about two years old. He later married Miss Maud Arvilla Jane Elmore of Dorchester, Mass., who survives him. He is also survived by one brother, Hiland Haskins, of Frost street, and one sister, Mrs. Carrie Parry, who lives with her niece, Mrs. Brown of Frost street, Brattleboro, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held in St. Michael's Episcopal church, Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock. Rev. Nelson Kellogg, the rector, officiating. Bishop A. C. A. Hall of Burlington is expected to take part in the services.

EDWARD E. BERGERON

Died This Morning at Home on County Street

Edward Edmond Bergeron aged 52 passed away this morning shortly before 8 o'clock at his home on County street after an illness of several weeks resulting from heart and lung trouble. Mr. Bergeron has been a resident of Bennington ever since he was 18 years of age, coming here from Three Rivers, Canada where he was born. For the past 29 years he has been employed as a moulder in the Scott foundry and was a workman of ability.

Mr. Bergeron is survived by a wife and four children who reside on County street, two sons, Edward and Arthur, and two daughters, Donalds and Rose. He is also survived by three brothers, Napoleon Bergeron, County street, Louis Bergeron of Depot street, and James Bergeron of Montreal and by three sisters, the Misses Margaret and Annie Bergeron of Depot street and Mrs. Mary Martel of Belleville, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergeron, Sr., parents of the deceased are still living and reside on Depot street.

Mr. Bergeron was a member of the Sacred Heart church and also of the Sacred Heart Society. He was an upright citizen and a loyal friend of a wide circle of acquaintances.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

MRS. CATHARINE CARY

Aged Lady Died at Home of Her Niece

Mrs. Catharine Cary widow of the late John S. Cary of Schenectady died early this morning at the home of F. E. Center on North street where she has been making her home for the past six years.

The body was taken to the Walbridge undertaking rooms and the funeral will be in Schenectady tomorrow and the burial will be in her lot in the Vail cemetery.

She was in her 86th year and has been an invalid for the past two years. She was an aunt of Mrs. Center. Her maiden name was Catharine Klackner and she spent practically all her life in Schenectady. She was the last of a family of 10 children.

She was member of the State street Methodist church of Schenectady and a woman of fine character. Her only son died several years ago.

TREE SUPERVISION

Method That Has Been Found To Secure Best Results.

There is no feature of landscape gardening and civic improvement work which, in the United States, has been neglected as much as the care of trees.

This is probably due to the comparatively short span of time which has elapsed since trees were a nuisance to settlers, and their removal to permit tillage of the soil meant hard work.

It is true that the value of trees, in our cities, has been recognized for many years. Nevertheless, there is still "in the blood," or in the habits of the people a small remnant of the feeling the builders of this country had for trees, and an inefficient realization of the importance of tree culture in all its phases.

Witness the toleration, almost unprotected, of barbarous tree butchery by public utility corporations, and the lack of the most elementary care of beautiful old trees in many of our cities.

Bennington is no exception. I am told that just because they happened to be in the way of a projected sidewalk, a few years ago, some of the most beautiful trees of the village were mercilessly cut down, and that at a spot where they are most needed.

A party of tree surgeons did good work on a few trees in Bennington last week, but as far as I could learn, the only work with which they have been entrusted has been on trees which were in immediate danger of breaking down. Practically no preventive work is being done.

In my opinion—and it is shared by every one who is familiar with the subject—conditions in Bennington have drifted to such a point that private individuals would not be able to cope with the situation satisfactorily. The village ought to assume full authority over all shade trees, including those on private property. The suggestion sounds like advocating trespass upon unalienable individual rights. However, that is the only way to protect the trees of the village.

That is the way European cities have done things, including cities in the most democratic of all countries, Switzerland. Ordinances to that effect were found constitutional in other American states and no doubt would be also in Vermont.

In many American cities the expense of the care of trees is assessed upon the property benefited by the work, and it includes often the property on a whole block.

It is only in that manner that not only urgent tree work may be done systematically and cheaply, and that preventative measures may be worked out.

Several times, I have been asked whether or not I would look over gardens and advise property owners how they may improve their home grounds. Provided my time permits it, I will be glad to do this work, upon request, addressed to 119 Valentine street.

My time will probably be occupied otherwise next week. There is no charge; I have no nursery stock for sale.

C. Grand Pierre.

BREMEN REPORTED SUNK BY BREAK IN MACHINERY

Submarine Said to Have Been Victim of Accident

U-BOATS OFF MAINE COAST

Coast Guards Insist Undersea Craft Came to Surface and Again Submerged.

Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 8.—The Berne Tageblatt prints a dispatch from Berlin to the effect that the merchant submarine Bremen which put out from its name port for America has been sunk through an accident to her machinery.

Machiasport, Me., Aug. 7.—Captain F. E. Small of the Cross Island Coast Guard Station reported today that his station had sighted a large submarine bound west. Its nationality could not be determined, but the Captain said he has no doubt that it was an undersea craft. The submarine was coming to the surface when it was sighted, and after running awash fifteen minutes again submerged.

It was thought that the vessel might be the German submarine Bremen. So far as could be learned there are no United States submarines on the Maine coast. The lookout at Cross Island confirmed Captain Small's story, and added that he saw not one, but two undersea craft on the surface at the same time, both going westward at a distance of five miles off shore, at about ten miles an hour.

The lookout said that he picked up the larger vessel in clear weather five miles to the southeast. As the vessel came to the surface the lookout said he heard several blasts from the signal horn at the lighthouse on Seal Island, a British possession.

The coast guards believed that the keeper of the lighthouse was signaling to the keeper at Grand Manan Light, also British owned, that a submarine had been sighted. Immediately after the whistle sounded the submarine submerged. A few moments later a haze set in and it was impossible to see more than four miles off Cross Island.

LOOKING TO THE HARVEST

Greatest Feature of This Season of the Year

The farmers throughout the land are now busily engaged in harvesting their crops on which all commercial enterprises look for financial advantage. The railways will earn millions upon millions by carrying the grain to market. The manufacturers will sell enormous quantities of their products to those who have grown the crops, and the bankers will secure goodly interest charges on their loans to the farmers before harvest and also to the manufacturers to carry on their business.

Many industries will expand, more workmen will be employed and large profits will be secured as a result of the present harvest. A bountiful crop is a distinct blessing to humanity, just as the yearly visits of Chautauqua are a benefit to this community.

This leads us to inquire what are you doing to induce that friend of yours to call at Wm. H. Wills office and invest \$2

PRESENTED TO KING

Former St. Albans Man, With 19th Canadian, Won Medal at St. Elloi

St. Albans, Aug. 6.—A London dispatch to the Montreal Star says that Lance Corporal James Macalum Wardlaw of the 19th Canadian, who gained a medal at St. Elloi, was presented to the King during the visit of the King to Cambridge. Corporal Wardlaw is a brother of J. W. Wardlaw of Maiden Lane and is himself a former St. Albanian.

GREENE FILES PAPERS

With Scott and Bailey the First to Put Nomination Petitions on File.

Essex Junction, Aug. 5.—Congressman Frank L. Greene, State Treasurer Walter F. Scott and Secretary of State, Guy W. Bailey are the first to file their nomination papers, having complied with the law in regard to the number of signatures to the petition.

BUFFETS CLOSED

State's Attorney Issues Orders to Montpelier Elks and Eagles

Montpelier, Aug. 6.—State's Attorney Fred E. Gleason has directed the exalted ruler of the Elks and president of the Eagles in this city to close the buffet of each club and it is understood that the request has been complied with.

FORSALE—Second hand Ford runabout recently overhauled, brand new body. P. O. Box 413, Bennington.

ADMINISTRATION POLICY UNFIXED SAYS HUGHES

Record One of Vacillation and Abrupt Changes of Front

NOMINEE SPEAKS AT DETROIT

Declares that if Elected American Rights in Mexico Will Be Respected.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 8.—Charles E. Hughes, in the first set speech on his transcontinental trip, last night assailed the administration vigorously for its foreign policy, its Mexican policy, for appointing men whom he termed in-experienced to diplomatic posts and for what he characterized as "a raid upon the civil service of the United States." He kept us out of war," Mr. Hughes said, referring to the president and a democratic campaign slogan. "Yet we seized Vera Cruz. That was war—very ignominious war. And it was called war over the bodies of those dead soldiers; it was called a war of service.

"Talk about what is our policy. What is the president's policy—does any one know? Has the executive ever had a policy for more than six months on the Mexican question? I repeat, who knows today what the policy of the administration will be three months hence? My friends, the trouble is that this administration has written such a record that no matter what it says you do not know whether it will stick to it.

"We have had an exhibition during the past three years which, I confess, fills me with a deep sense of shame. I have not a particle of military spirit in my system, but if I am elected president I will see to it that American rights in Mexico are respected."

Mr. Hughes assailed the administration's course toward upholding American rights abroad during the European war. "When I say that I am an American citizen," the nominee said, "I ought to say the proudest thing that any man can say in this world. But you can't have that pride if American citizenship is a cheap thing; if it is not worthy of protection this wide world over. There is no man who could successfully present to an American citizen the platform that an American citizen's rights stop at the coastline and that beyond that American life is the prey of any marauder that chooses to take it."

The nominee cited the republican platform's declaration that 30,000 government positions had been taken from the operation of the civil-service law during the present administration and declared that "sort of thing has got to stop."

"If we are to have a secretary of state," Mr. Hughes declared, "we want a man who will stand before the world as a man of learning, of skill, of experience, of power."

After his main address at Arcadia hall Mr. Hughes delivered a second address at the light guard armory in which he repeated many of the statements made in the first address.

Mr. Hughes spent a strenuous day in the stifling heat of Detroit. He made six speeches between noon and 10 o'clock last night. The first talk of the day was delivered in a little room of the hotel where he made his headquarters and was addressed to about 40 manufacturers, interested in the social welfare of their employees. The second address, delivered in the same room, was on suffrage. One hundred women heard him repeat his declaration in New York that he wanted the question speedily settled by granting women the vote through an amendment to the federal constitution.

CAESAR AGAIN TONIGHT

Final Performance To Be Given This Evening.

The celebration committee would like to remind those who are planning to be present at the final performance of Julius Caesar tonight that it will be well to provide against the dampness of the ground and seats by bringing rubber coats, newspapers and so forth. Also that while there are a number of seats provided for those who wish them and come early, there are as many more good points of vantage from which to see and hear the performance for those who bring their own pillows and stools and wish to choose their own location. In addition, there are spaces marked off for motors and carriages.

Remember, this performance is absolutely free. The public is not only invited, but urged to take advantage of this unusual opportunity given the people of Bennington by the Public Welfare Association. Children are not invited, but all over high school age are welcome. The play begins promptly at 8 o'clock, but in case of rain, of course will be given up.

SENATOR C. S. PAGE WAS VISITOR IN BENNINGTON

Was Ill and Had to Spend Time in His Room

PREDICTS AN EASY VICTORY

Says He Will Have More Votes Sept. 12 Than Both Fletcher and Gates.

United States Senator Carroll S. Page accompanied by his son, Russell S. Page, was a visitor in Bennington yesterday and left for the north on the 6.15 train last night.

Senator Page was suffering from a severe sore throat and was compelled to call a doctor and remain in his room most of the time while here. His son, however, saw the local Page workers and urged them to renewed effort.

Senator Page was very pale and rather frail in his physical appearance and did not want to talk much owing to the condition of his throat, but said he was confident that he would be an easy winner at the primary, Sept. 12.

On this subject he said "I am going to get more votes than Fletcher and Gates combined. The voters want Page."

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Bill Which Senator Page Has Long Worked For

Washington, Aug. 4.—The vocational education bill which passed the senate the other day without debate or notice of any kind, is to be pressed upon the house in an eleventh hour attempt to secure enactment before the adjournment of Congress. It had been thought that the senate calendar was too crowded to allow room for this bill at this time, and the plan had been to postpone the enactment of this legislation till the December session. Favorable reports on the bill were made some weeks ago by both the committees which handled it.

According to advocates of legislation of this character there is a tremendous wastage of youth in the United States. With very few exceptions it may be said that American boys and girls leave school at the age of 14 years, or earlier, and go to work. At least 2,000,000 boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 are working for wages in this country. It is pointed out that they are unskilled at that age and unfit for responsibility. Each year 1,000,000 young people are required simply to maintain the ranks of the American working population. There are 24,000,000 persons 18 years and over in this country engaged in farming, mining, manufacturing, and mechanical pursuits trade and transportation. Of the 14,250,000 engaged in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits not one per cent have had or at the present time have any chance to obtain adequate industrial training.

"If we assume," said Congressman Hughes, of Georgia, chairman of the house committee on education and one of the authors of the bill, "that a system of vocational education pursued through years of the past would have increased the wage earning capacity of one million of our youth to the extent of ten cents a day, this would have made an increase of wages for this group of \$2,500,000 a day \$750,000,000 a year with all that this would mean to the wealth and life of the nation. This is a very moderate estimate and the facts would probably show a difference between the earning power of the vocationally trained and the vocationally untrained of 25 cents a day. This would indicate a waste of wages through lack of training of \$6,250,000 every day or \$1,875,000 for the year. This is difficult for us to conceive and believe, but these figures are true."

The bill as reported to both branches of Congress and as passed by the senate provides:

First. National grants to be given to the states for stimulating vocational education in agriculture and in the trades and industries.

The term "agricultural education" as used in this bill includes education for the farm home as well as for the farm itself. Homes, home economics, as far as it relates to the farm home, is included in the grant for instruction in agriculture.

Second. The grants to be given are in two forms:

(a) For the training of teachers of agricultural, trade, industrial, and home economics subjects.

(b) For the paying of parts of salaries of teachers, supervisors, and directors of agricultural subjects, and of teachers of trade and industrial subjects.

Third. Appropriations are to be made to a federal board for making studies and investigations which shall be of use in vocational schools. These studies cover the subjects of agriculture and home economics, trades, and industries, commerce and commercial

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CHAUTAUQUA WILL OPEN THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Only Twenty-One Tickets Remain to Be Sold

TO ERECT TENT TOMORROW

Plans Under Way For a Parade of Automobiles, Horseback Riders and Others for Opening.

The motto of Bennington's Chautauqua guarantor's, "Every Season Ticket Sold," has at last been fulfilled. This morning Mr. Wills, chairman of the ticket committee, reported only 21 tickets remaining. Judging by the present rush for tickets this have been sold by the present time.

The first of the seven joyous Chautauqua days will open Thursday with a big parade. Pictures of the parade will be taken by Robert E. Carls, the Chautauqua photographer. Mr. Carls uses a camera of his own invention which takes 800 pictures. The results of his work will be shown on the moving picture screen Thursday evening.

All are invited to meet in back of the tent on Park street at 1.30 Thursday to march in the parade. Automobile owners, horseback and bicycle riders are especially requested to be on hand. Children will wear white when possible and bring their parasols. Everyone who does not have a ticket and takes part in the parade will be admitted free to the afternoon program.

The Chautauqua tent with its crew, and complete equipment will arrive in its special baggage car tomorrow afternoon. The tent comes from Brandon, which holds its last session this evening. The crew will take the tent down tonight and with the aid of Henry M. Tuttle company's wagons unload and erect it tomorrow afternoon.

Howard Buckman is captain of the tent crew this year. He will be assisted by his brother, Frank Buckman and Jess Halstead. All three are students at or graduates of Swarthmore college. The older Buckman is usually called "Buck," while his younger brother is called "Bucklet."

The Folk Song quintet and Ross Crane, who will apply the entertainment on the first day, will arrive Thursday morning on the 9.05 train.

The Chautauqua tent this year will be on the graded school grounds. The entrance will be either from School street or Park street.

PERFORMANCE OF J. CAESAR

Fourth and Final Presentation Will Be Given This Evening at 8 O'clock.

The fourth and final performance of Julius Caesar will be given this evening at 8 o'clock at Clark's Woods.

There will be no admission charged and the general public will be admitted free. A cordial invitation is extended to the public and all are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. This performance is made possible by members of the community who wished to have the public as their guests at this dramatic triumph.

The evening was chosen for the performance because of the belief that the voices of the members of the cast carry better at that time and furthermore because the night makes dramatic effects possible that otherwise would not be so.

"Julius Caesar," while sometimes called a tragedy, is a melodrama and has perhaps as wide an appeal as any of Shakespeare's plays. The action is rapid and varied, the dialogue simple and upon the whole the play is perfectly adapted to presentation as a community event.

Playground Notes.

Girls' night tonight. Volley ball and baseball game.

The girls are making very unique napkin rings.

Circle Straddle Ball is the new one. The boys are becoming very proficient tumbler and acrobats.

The girls baseball team will play the Playground Midgets tomorrow afternoon.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont partly cloudy and probably showers tonight and Wednesday. Not quite so warm.

He Could Hardly Walk.

Kidney trouble manifests itself in many ways. Rheumatism, aches and pains, soreness and stiffness are common symptoms. Ambrose Gray, Sulphur, Okla., writes: "I was bothered with kidney trouble ten years and at times could hardly walk. Three months ago I began taking Foley Kidney Pills. I got relief from the first bottle but continued to take them till I had taken three bottles. I feel like a new man. It is a wonderful medicine." No harmful drugs. Sold Everywhere.